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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
14 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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16 SAN JOAQUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL,  
17 a department of the County of San  
Joaquin, a political subdivision of the State  
18 of California,

19 Plaintiff,

20 vs.

22 HEALTH CARE SERVICE  
23 CORPORATION, A Mutual Legal  
Reserve Company, an Illinois licensed  
24 insurance company, doing business as  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, and  
25 DOES 1 THROUGH 25, INCLUSIVE,

26 Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-CV-01582-MCE-CKD

**JOINT STIPULATION AND  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Honorable Morrison C. England, Jr.  
Courtroom 7

**TO THE COURT AND ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF  
RECORD:**

Upon agreement of the Plaintiff San Joaquin General Hospital (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, doing business in Texas as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (“BCBSTX” or “Defendant”) (Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties”), and in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and all applicable Local Rules of the United States District Court, Eastern District, the Court enters this Stipulated Protective Order:

1. Disclosures and discovery in this action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information, including protected health information, for which protection from public disclosure and use for any purpose other than litigating this action may be warranted. The Parties acknowledge that this Stipulated Protected Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The Parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 23 below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 141 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

2. The Parties, by and through their respective counsel, have mutually agreed that a Stipulated Protective Order that meets the requirements of a “qualified protective order,” as that term is defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(e)(1)(v), is necessary and mutually agree to remain in full compliance with any privacy requirements imposed by regulations promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”).

1       3. In this Stipulation and Protective Order, the words set forth below shall  
2 have the following meanings:

3           a. “Proceeding” means the above-entitled proceeding in the United  
4 States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:20-CV-01582-MCE-  
5 CKD.

6           b. “Court” means the United States District Court, Eastern District of  
7 California, the Honorable Morrison C. England, Jr., or any other judge to which this  
8 Proceeding may be assigned, including Court staff participating in such proceedings.

9           c. “Confidential” means any information which is in the possession  
10 of a Designating Party who believes in good faith that such information is entitled to  
11 confidential treatment under applicable law.

12           d. “Confidential Materials” means any Documents, Testimony or  
13 Information as defined below designated as “Confidential” or “Confidential-  
14 Attorneys’ Eyes Only” pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation and Protective  
15 Order.

16           e. “Designating Party” means the Party that designates Materials as  
17 “Confidential” or “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

18           f. “Disclose” or “Disclosed” or “Disclosure” means to reveal,  
19 divulge, give, or make available Materials, or any part thereof, or any information  
20 contained therein.

21           g. “Documents” means (i) any “Writing,” “Original,” and  
22 “Duplicate” as those terms are defined by Federal Rules of Evidence Rule 1001,  
23 which have been produced in discovery in this Proceeding by any person, and (ii) any  
24 copies, reproductions, or summaries of all or any part of the foregoing.

25           h. “Information” means the content of Documents or Testimony or  
26 any information that is derived, created, and replicate from Documents or Testimony.

i. "Receiving Party" means the Party who receives Confidential Materials from the Designating Party.

j. "Testimony" means all depositions, declarations or other testimony taken or used in this Proceeding.

4. This Protective Order shall apply to, and shall govern, all documents, things, discovery responses, and testimony designated by the disclosing party in good faith as constituting or containing confidential information pursuant to this Protective Order. All documents produced in this litigation, whether or not marked as “Confidential” or “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” shall be used solely for the purposes of this lawsuit and for no other purpose.

5. The Designating Party shall have the right to designate as "Confidential" or "Confidential- Attorneys' Eyes Only" any Documents, Testimony or Information that the Designating Party in good faith believes to contain non-public information that is entitled to confidential treatment under applicable law.

6. “Confidential” information means information that falls within one or more of the following categories:

- a. Research and development information;
- b. Information prohibited from disclosure by statute;
- c. Medical information concerning any individual;
- d. Personal identity information;
- e. Income tax returns (including attached schedules and forms, W-2 forms and 1099 forms);
- f. Personnel or employment records of a person who is not a party to the case; or
- g. Any other information or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

1       7.    “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only” information means information  
2 that falls within one or more of the following categories:

3           a.    Trade secrets information, including a formula, pattern,  
4 compilation, program, device, method, technique, process, financial data, or list of  
5 actual or potential customers or suppliers, that derives independent economic value,  
6 actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily  
7 ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from  
8 its disclosure or use;

9           b.    Highly sensitive financial, commercial, and marketing information  
10 relating to the parties’ respective products and/or business activities, including without  
11 limitation, contracts and fee schedules with participating providers and analyses  
12 reflecting average rates of reimbursement for procedures, and information or analyses  
13 reflecting methods used to determine Maximum Reimbursable Charges or Usual and  
14 Customary Charges.

15       8.    The entry of this Stipulation and Protective Order does not alter, waive,  
16 modify, or abridge any right, privilege or protection otherwise available to any Party  
17 with respect to the discovery of matters, including but not limited to any Party’s right  
18 to assert the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, or other  
19 privileges, or any Party’s right to contest any such assertion.

20       9.    Any Documents, Testimony or Information to be designated as  
21 “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” must be clearly so designated  
22 before the Document, Testimony or Information is Disclosed or produced. The parties  
23 may agree that the case name and number are to be part of the “Confidential” or  
24 “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” designation. The “Confidential” or  
25 “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” designation should not obscure or interfere with  
26 the legibility of the designated Information.

1           a.     For Documents (apart from transcripts of depositions or other  
2 pretrial or trial proceedings), the Designating Party must affix the legend  
3 “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” on each page of any  
4 Document containing such designated Confidential Material.

5           b.     For Testimony given in depositions the Designating Party may  
6 either:

7               i.     Identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, all  
8 “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” Testimony, by  
9 specifying all portions of the Testimony that qualify as “Confidential” ”  
10 or “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” or

11              ii.    Designate the entirety of the Testimony at the deposition as  
12 “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” (before the  
13 deposition is concluded) with the right to identify more specific portions  
14 of the Testimony as to which protection is sought within thirty (30) days  
15 following receipt of the deposition transcript. In circumstances where  
16 portions of the deposition Testimony are designated for protection, the  
17 transcript pages containing “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’  
18 Eyes Only” Information may be separately bound by the court reporter,  
19 who must affix to the top of each page the legend “Confidential” or  
20 “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” as instructed by the Designating  
21 Party.

22           c.     For Information produced in some form other than Documents, and  
23 for any other tangible items, including, without limitation, compact discs or DVDs,  
24 the Designating Party must affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container  
25 or containers in which the Information or item is stored the legend “Confidential” or  
26 “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only.” If only portions of the Information or item

1 warrants protection, the Designating Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the  
2 “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” portions.

3       10. The inadvertent production by any of the undersigned Parties or non-  
4 Parties to the Proceedings of any Document, Testimony or Information during  
5 discovery in this Proceeding without a “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’  
6 Eyes Only” designation, shall be without prejudice to any claim that such item is  
7 “Confidential” or “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only” and such Party shall not be  
8 held to have waived any rights by such inadvertent production. In the event that any  
9 Document, Testimony or Information that is subject to a “Confidential” or  
10 “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” designation is inadvertently produced without  
11 such designation, the Party that inadvertently produced the document shall give  
12 written notice of such inadvertent production within twenty (20) days of discovery of  
13 the inadvertent production, together with a further copy of the subject Document,  
14 Testimony or Information designated as “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’  
15 Eyes Only” (the “Inadvertent Production Notice”). Upon receipt of such Inadvertent  
16 Production Notice, the Party that received the inadvertently produced Document,  
17 Testimony or Information shall promptly destroy the inadvertently produced  
18 Document, Testimony or Information and all copies thereof, or, at the expense of the  
19 producing Party, return such together with all copies of such Document, Testimony or  
20 Information to counsel for the producing Party and shall retain only the “Confidential”  
21 or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” designated Materials. Should the receiving  
22 Party choose to destroy such inadvertently produced Document, Testimony or  
23 Information, the receiving Party shall notify the producing Party in writing of such  
24 destruction within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice of the inadvertent  
25 production. In the event that this provision conflicts with any applicable law  
26 regarding waiver of confidentiality through the inadvertent production of Documents,  
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1 Testimony or Information, such law shall govern. Any inadvertent production shall  
2 also not constitute a waiver in any other proceeding.

3       11. The inadvertent production of any Document, Testimony or Information  
4 that is subject to any privilege, including the attorney-client privilege and/or attorney  
5 work-product doctrine, shall not operate as a waiver of the privilege if the Party that  
6 made the inadvertent production provides written notice of such inadvertent  
7 production within twenty (20) days of discovery of the inadvertent production. Upon  
8 receipt of notice of the inadvertent production, the Party that received the  
9 inadvertently produced Document, Testimony or Information shall promptly destroy  
10 the inadvertently produced Document, Testimony or Information and all copies  
11 thereof, or, at the expense of the producing Party, return such together with all copies  
12 of such Document, Testimony or Information to counsel for the producing Party.  
13 Should the receiving Party choose to destroy such inadvertently produced Document,  
14 Testimony or Information, the receiving Party shall notify the producing Party in  
15 writing of such destruction within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice of the  
16 inadvertent production.

17       12. In the event that counsel for a Party receiving Documents, Testimony or  
18 Information in discovery designated as “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’  
19 Eyes Only” objects to such designation with respect to any or all of such items, said  
20 counsel shall advise counsel for the Designating Party, in writing, of such objections,  
21 the specific Documents, Testimony or Information to which each objection pertains,  
22 and the specific reasons and support for such objections (the “Designation  
23 Objections”). Counsel for the Designating Party shall have thirty (30) days from  
24 receipt of the written Designation Objections to either (a) agree in writing to de-  
25 designate Documents, Testimony or Information pursuant to any or all of the  
26 Designation Objections and/or (b) file a motion with the Court seeking to uphold any  
27 or all designations on Documents, Testimony or Information addressed by the  
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1 Designation Objections (the “Designation Motion”). Pending a resolution of the  
2 Designation Motion by the Court, any and all existing designations on the Documents,  
3 Testimony or Information at issue in such Motion shall remain in place. The  
4 Designating Party shall have the burden on any Designation Motion of establishing  
5 the applicability of its “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only”  
6 designation. In the event that the Designation Objections are neither timely agreed to  
7 nor timely addressed in the Designation Motion, then such Documents, Testimony or  
8 Information shall be de-designated in accordance with the Designation Objection  
9 applicable to such material.

10 13. Access to and/or Disclosure of Confidential Materials designated as  
11 “Confidential” shall be permitted only to the following persons:

12 a. The Court;

13 b. (1) Attorneys of record in the Proceedings and their affiliated  
14 attorneys, paralegals, clerical and secretarial staff employed by such attorneys who are  
15 actively involved in the Proceedings and are not employees of any Party. (2) In-house  
16 counsel to the undersigned Parties and the paralegal, clerical and secretarial staff  
17 employed by such counsel. Provided, however, that each non-lawyer given access to  
18 Confidential Materials shall be advised that such Materials are being Disclosed  
19 pursuant to, and are subject to, the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order and  
20 that they may not be Disclosed other than pursuant to its terms;

21 c. Those officers, directors, partners, members, employees and  
22 agents of all non-designating Parties that counsel for such Parties deems reasonably  
23 necessary to aid counsel in the prosecution and defense of this Proceeding; provided,  
24 however, that the Parties agree that such individual are bound by this Stipulation and  
25 Protective Order;

26 d. Court reporters in this Proceeding and their staff (whether at  
27 depositions, hearings, or any other proceeding);

1 e. Any deposition, trial or hearing witness in the Proceeding who  
2 previously has had access to the Confidential Materials, or who is currently or was  
3 previously an officer, director, partner, member, employee or agent of an entity that  
4 has had access to the Confidential Materials;

5 f. Any deposition or non-trial hearing witness in the Proceeding who  
6 previously did not have access to the Confidential Materials; provided, however, that  
7 each such witness given access to Confidential Materials shall be advised that such  
8 Materials are being Disclosed pursuant to, and are subject to, the terms of this  
9 Stipulation and Protective Order and that they may not be Disclosed other than  
10 pursuant to its terms and the Party making the disclosure shall secure the signature of  
11 such person on a statement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A;

12 g. Mock jury participants, provided, however, that prior to the  
13 Disclosure of Confidential Materials to any such mock jury participant, counsel for  
14 the Party making the Disclosure shall deliver a copy of this Stipulation and Protective  
15 Order to such person, shall explain that such person is bound to follow the terms of  
16 such Order, and shall secure the signature of such person on a statement in the form  
17 attached hereto as Exhibit A;

i. Any other person that the Designating Party agrees to in writing;

j. Any person who was the author, recipient or copy recipient of a document;

k. Any person whom the parties have agreed to use as a mediator in this Proceeding; and

1. Any person designated by the Court in the interest of justice, upon such terms as the Court may deem proper.

14. Access to and/or Disclosure of Confidential Materials designated as "Confidential- Attorneys' Eyes Only" shall be permitted only to the following persons:

a. The Court;

b. (1) Attorneys of record in the Proceedings for the Receiving Party only (and their affiliated attorneys, paralegals, clerical and secretarial staff employed by such attorneys who are actively involved in the Proceedings and are not employees of any Party). Unless the Designating Party expressly provides in writing that another Parties' counsel of record may review materials designated as Confidential- Attorneys' Eyes Only, the Receiving Party's counsel shall not share any such material with any other counsel of record. (2) In-house counsel for the Receiving Party (and the paralegal, clerical and secretarial staff employed by such counsel) as deemed necessary. Any in-house counsel that has reviewed Confidential Materials is not, and will not, be involved in the negotiation or drafting of health care services contracts between San Joaquin General Hospital and Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, doing business in Texas as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and will not share the Confidential Materials, or the contents thereof, with directors, officers, or employees who negotiate health care services contracts between San Joaquin General Hospital and Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, doing business in Texas as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and will not share Confidential Materials with

1 directors, officers, or employees of any other Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies,  
2 including Blue Cross of California and Blue Shield of California. Each non-lawyer  
3 given access to Confidential Materials shall be advised that such Materials are being  
4 Disclosed pursuant to, and are subject to, the terms of this Stipulation and Protective  
5 Order and that they may not be Disclosed other than pursuant to its terms;

6           c.     Outside experts or expert consultants consulted by the  
7 undersigned Parties or their counsel in connection with the Proceeding, whether or  
8 not retained to testify at any oral hearing; provided, however, that prior to the  
9 Disclosure of Confidential Materials to any such expert or expert consultant, counsel  
10 for the Party making the Disclosure shall deliver a copy of this Stipulation and  
11 Protective Order to such person, shall explain its terms to such person, and shall  
12 secure the signature of such person on a statement in the form attached hereto as  
13 Exhibit A. It shall be the obligation of counsel, upon learning of any breach or  
14 threatened breach of this Stipulation and Protective Order by any such expert or  
15 expert consultant, to promptly notify counsel for the Designating Party of such breach  
16 or threatened breach;

17           c.     Any person designated by the Court in the interest of justice, upon  
18 such terms as the Court may deem proper;

19           d.     Court reporters in this Proceeding and their staff (whether at  
20 depositions, hearings, or any other proceeding);

21           e.     Any person who was either the author or recipient of the  
22 information in question before it was disclosed in the action; and

23           f.     Any person whom the parties have agreed to use as a mediator in  
24 this Proceeding.

25       15.    Confidential Materials shall be used by the persons receiving them only  
26 for the purposes of preparing for, conducting, participating in the conduct of, and/or  
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1 prosecuting and/or defending the Proceeding only, and not for any business or other  
2 purpose whatsoever.

3       16. Any Party to the Proceeding (or other person subject to the terms of this  
4 Stipulation and Protective Order) may ask the Court, after appropriate notice to the  
5 other Parties to the Proceeding, to modify or grant relief from any provision of this  
6 Stipulation and Protective Order.

7       17. Disclosed Information must be stored and maintained by a Receiving  
8 Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the  
9 persons authorized under this Order.

10       18. Entering into, agreeing to, and/or complying with the terms of this  
11 Stipulation and Protective Order shall not:

12               a. Operate as an admission by any person that any particular  
13 Document, Testimony or Information marked “Confidential” or “Confidential-  
14 Attorneys’ Eyes Only” contains or reflects trade secrets, proprietary, confidential or  
15 competitively sensitive business, commercial, financial or personal information; or

16               b. Prejudice in any way the right of any Party (or any other person  
17 subject to the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order) to seek a determination  
18 by the Court of whether any particular Confidential Material should be subject to  
19 protection as “Confidential” or “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only” under the terms  
20 of this Stipulation and Protective Order; or to seek relief from the Court on  
21 appropriate notice to all other Parties to the Proceeding from any provision(s) of this  
22 Stipulation and Protective Order, either generally or as to any particular Document,  
23 Material or Information.

24       19. Any new party to the Proceeding who has not executed this Stipulation  
25 and Protective Order as of the time it is presented to the Court for signature may  
26 thereafter become a Party to this Stipulation and Protective Order by its counsel’s  
27 signing and dating a copy of Exhibit A attached hereto, and filing the same with the  
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1 Court, and serving copies of such signed and dated copy upon the other Parties to this  
2 Stipulation and Protective Order.

3       20. Any Information that may be produced by a non-party witness in  
4 discovery in the Proceeding pursuant to subpoena or otherwise may be designated by  
5 such non-party as “Confidential” or “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only” under the  
6 terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order, and any such designation by a non-  
7 party shall have the same force and effect, and create the same duties and obligations,  
8 as if made by one of the undersigned Parties hereto. Any such designation shall also  
9 function as consent by such producing non-party to the authority of the Court in the  
10 Proceeding to resolve and conclusively determine any motion or other application  
11 made by any person or non-party with respect to such designation, or any other matter  
12 otherwise arising under this Stipulation and Protective Order.

13       21. If any person subject to this Stipulation and Protective Order who has  
14 custody of any Confidential Materials receives a subpoena or other process  
15 (“Subpoena”) from any government or other person or entity demanding production of  
16 Confidential Materials, the recipient of the Subpoena shall promptly give notice of the  
17 same by electronic mail transmission, followed by either express mail or overnight  
18 delivery, to counsel of record for the Designating Party, and shall furnish such counsel  
19 with a copy of the Subpoena. Upon receipt of this notice, the Designating Party may,  
20 in its sole discretion and at its own cost, move to quash or limit the Subpoena,  
21 otherwise oppose production of the Confidential Materials, and/or seek to obtain  
22 confidential treatment of such Confidential Materials from the subpoenaing person or  
23 entity to the fullest extent available under law. The recipient of the Subpoena may not  
24 produce any Documents, Testimony or Information pursuant to the Subpoena prior to  
25 the date specified for production on the Subpoena.

26       22. Nothing in this Stipulation and Protective Order shall be construed to  
27 preclude either Party from asserting in good faith that certain Confidential Materials  
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1 require additional protection. The Parties shall meet and confer to agree upon the  
2 terms of such additional protection.

3       23. If, after execution of this Stipulation and Protective Order, any  
4 Confidential Materials submitted by a Designating Party under the terms of this  
5 Stipulation and Protective Order is Disclosed by a non-Designating Party to any  
6 person other than in the manner authorized by this Stipulation and Protective Order,  
7 the non-Designating Party responsible for the Disclosure shall bring all pertinent facts  
8 relating to the Disclosure of such Confidential Materials to the immediate attention of  
9 the Designating Party.

10      24. Any party who wishes to file any Confidential Materials, or Information  
11 derived from Confidential Materials, with the Court, including deposition transcripts,  
12 answers to interrogatories, briefs, memoranda, affidavits, and the like, unless  
13 otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered by the Court, shall file an Application for  
14 leave to file the materials “under seal” pursuant to L.R. 141. The parties acknowledge  
15 and agree that they are familiar with, or will become familiar with, the provisions of  
16 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 5.2 and L.R. 141, as well as any other  
17 requirements that exist now or may exist in the future, regarding the sealing of court  
18 records, and agree to be bound by its provisions.

19      25. The Parties shall meet and confer regarding the procedures for use of  
20 Confidential Materials at trial and shall move the Court for entry of an appropriate  
21 order. The use of designated materials at trial shall be governed by the orders of the  
22 trial judge.

23      26. Nothing in this Stipulation and Protective Order shall affect the  
24 admissibility into evidence of Confidential Materials, or abridge the rights of any  
25 person to seek judicial review or to pursue other appropriate judicial action with  
26 respect to any ruling made by the Court concerning the issue of the status of Protected  
27 Material.

1       27. This Stipulation and Protective Order shall continue to be binding after  
2 the conclusion of this Proceeding and all subsequent proceedings arising from this  
3 Proceeding, except that a Party may seek the written permission of the Designating  
4 Party or may move the Court for relief from the provisions of this Stipulation and  
5 Protective Order. To the extent permitted by law, the Court shall retain jurisdiction to  
6 enforce, modify, or reconsider this Stipulation and Protective Order, even after the  
7 Proceeding is terminated.

8       28. Upon written request made within thirty (30) days after the settlement or  
9 other termination of the Proceeding, the undersigned Parties shall have thirty (30)  
10 days to either (a) promptly return to counsel for each Designating Party all  
11 Confidential Materials and all copies thereof (except that counsel for each Party may  
12 maintain in its files, in continuing compliance with the terms of this Stipulation and  
13 Protective Order, all work product, and one copy of each pleading filed with the  
14 Court), (b) agree with counsel for the Designating Party upon appropriate methods  
15 and certification of destruction or other disposition of such Confidential Materials, or  
16 (c) as to any Documents, Testimony or other Information not addressed by sub-  
17 paragraphs (a) and (b), file a motion seeking a Court order regarding proper  
18 preservation of such Materials. To the extent permitted by law the Court shall retain  
19 continuing jurisdiction to review and rule upon the motion referred to in sub-  
20 paragraph (c) herein.

21       29. After this Stipulation and Protective Order has been signed by counsel  
22 for all Parties, it shall be presented to the Court for entry. Counsel agree to be bound  
23 by the terms set forth herein with regard to any Confidential Materials that have been  
24 produced before the Court signs this Stipulation and Protective Order.

25       30. The Parties and all signatories to the Certification attached hereto as  
26 Exhibit A agree to be bound by this Stipulation and Protective Order pending its  
27 approval and entry by the Court. In the event that the Court modifies this Stipulation  
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1 and Protective Order, or in the event that the Court enters a different Protective Order,  
2 the Parties agree to be bound by this Stipulation and Protective Order until such time  
3 as the Court may enter such a different Order. It is the Parties' intent to be bound by  
4 the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order pending its entry so as to allow for  
5 immediate production of Confidential Materials under the terms herein.

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REED SMITH LLP  
A limited liability partnership formed in the State of Delaware

## **IT IS SO STIPULATED:**

DATED: March 10, 2022

REED SMITH LLP

By /s/ Lavinia S. Osilesi  
Amir Shlesinger  
Lavinia S. Osilesi  
Attorneys for Defendant Health Care  
Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal  
Reserve Company, doing business in Texas  
as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas

DATED: March 10, 2022

**LAW OFFICES OF STEPHENSON,  
ACQUISTO & COLMAN, INC.**

By /s/ Barbara V. Lam  
Barbara V. Lam  
Attorneys for Plaintiff San Joaquin General  
Hospital

I, Lavinia S. Osilesi, counsel of record for Defendant Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, doing business in Texas as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, hereby attest that all other signatories listed, and on whose behalf the filing is submitted, concur in the filing's content and have authorized the filing.

By: /s/ *Lavinia S. Osilesi*

## ORDER

The court APPROVES the parties' stipulated protective order subject to the following clarification.

Once this action is closed, “unless otherwise ordered, the court will not retain jurisdiction over enforcement of the terms of” this protective order. E.D. Cal. L.R. 141.1(f). Courts in the district generally do not agree to retain jurisdiction after closure of the case. See, e.g., MD Helicopters, Inc. v. Aerometals, Inc., 2017 WL 495778 (E.D. Cal., Feb. 03, 2017).

Dated: March 14, 2022

CAROLYN K. DELANEY  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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